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1. Association pour la lutte contre le travail des enfants au Niger

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Association pour la lutte contre le travail des enfants au Niger (ALTEN) was set up in 1997. It has set up offices in all eight regions of Niger. ALTEN carries out actions in partnership with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and is involved in organizing and consolidating the framework of NGOs working for the interests of children in Niger.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the Association are the promotion of children's rights; the fight against child labour and child trafficking; and the fight against child slavery.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No information provided.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ALTEN took part in the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (on the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls), held in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2011, ALTEN implemented a project to combat child slavery in cooperation with the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery. In 2013, ALTEN also carried out actions to combat child domestic labour in conjunction with the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ALTEN has contributed to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 1 and 2 by:

- Organizing a meeting of the various actors combating trafficking in persons in 2011, which involved unions, police, *gendarmerie* and associations working with human trafficking;
- Raising public awareness about the fight against child labour;
- Providing education and vocational training to children;
- Lobbying the authorities about the fight against trafficking in persons; and
- Coaching students about children's rights and the fight against child labour.

2. Center for Oceans Law and Policy

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Center for Oceans Law and Policy (COLP), University of Virginia School of Law, United States of America, supports research, education and discussion on legal and public policy issues relating to the oceans.

Aims and purposes of the organization

COLP sponsors regular programmes of annual conferences, publications and lectures. The Center provides archives of ocean documents, including one of the world's largest collections of law of the sea materials. The Center also founded and sponsors the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

COLP has published a six volume set of Commentaries on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that are regularly cited by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and scholars as authoritative history on the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Center has published international and United States documents on Oceans Law and Policy, a five-volume collection of major documents relating to oceans law and policy, and contributes to the publication of the Marine Affairs Bibliography.

The annual Conference of the Center for Oceans Law and Policy provides a unique opportunity for leading scholars and policy makers to meet and exchange ideas on important concerns in the oceans community.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

COLP has regularly attended the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea meetings in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

COLP has co-sponsored meetings at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO). It has also co-hosted meetings with the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

COLP has supported initiatives on the MDGs by holding an annual meeting on environmental and security issues relating to the oceans.

3. Ethiopian World Federation

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Ethiopian World Federation, Incorporated (EWF Inc.) is an international civic league, social welfare, heritage organization founded to protect and elevate "We, the Black peoples of the World" and preserve the integrity and sovereignty of the Divine Heritage of Ethiopia and Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote love and good-will among Ethiopian/Africans at home and abroad; maintain integrity and sovereignty of Ethiopia; disseminate ancient Ethiopian culture; correct abuse; relieve oppression; carve for Ethiopians a destiny comparable with its idea of perfect manhood and God's purpose in creating humans; develop a fraternal spirit and inculcate desire to render voluntary aid and assistance to one another; and develop interest and pride in democratic institutions, principles, and ideals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization presented a paper on "Jobs, Decent Work and Inclusive Development" in April 2012. Voice of Ethiopia Newsletters publicised United Nations activities and celebrated Interfaith Harmony Week. EWF Inc. held discussions on "Land grabs" throughout Africa.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings, among others:

- 18th and 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), New York, 3-14 May 2010, 2-13 May 2011;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) Intersessional Meeting, New York, 10-11 January 2011;
- Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-19 IPM) and UNCSD Preparatory Committee (PrepCom II), New York, 28 February-8 March 2011;
- 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 22 February-4 March 2011;
- Informal Interactive Hearings of the United Nations General Assembly with NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, New York, 14-15 June 2010; and
- 9th and 10th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 19-30 April 2010, 16-27 May 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

EWF, Inc.'s local committees' activities address the issues of poverty, hunger, health, education, equality, youth, and women. The organization's "Seeds to Ethiopia" project encourages sustainable farming practices on land grant. Its rainwater harvesting tanks facilitate subsistence farming; provide clean water and water during droughts; ease the burden on women and children fetching water from far distances; and promote economic and social environmental sustainability.

4. International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage

Special, 1954

Introduction

The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) is a professional not-for-profit NGO. It has a network of National Committees spread over about 75 countries across Africa, the Americas, Asia, Oceania, and Europe, covering over 90% of the irrigated area of the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to enhance the worldwide supply of food and fibre for all people by improving water and land management, and the productivity of irrigated and drained lands. ICID achieves its goals by pooling and sharing of knowledge on the topics related to irrigation, drainage and flood management and making it available worldwide; and addressing emerging problems and challenges and promoting suitable remedial measures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2013, ICID has started holding triennial World Irrigation Forums to support multidisciplinary discussions towards the solutions to agriculture water management. ICID works with United Nations agencies engaged in various facets of water management, for example, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UN-Water, World Meteorological Organization (WMO), International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD), and UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICID Representatives attended the following meetings:

- Regional Inception Workshop on "Revitalizing Irrigation and Agricultural Water Governance in Asia" by FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, 4-5 April 2012;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 13-22 June 2012;
- 22nd UN-Water meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, 23-25 August 2012; and
- 36th Session of the Governing Council of IFAD, Rome, Italy, 13-14 February 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ICID has been contributing effectively to all United Nations bodies related to water, climate, and agriculture. ICID promoted the safe use of wastewater in agriculture in developing countries and countries in transition with UN-Water. ICID has standing Memorandum of Understandings with UNW-DPC signed in 2010 and WMO in 2013. ICID is a permanent observer to annual meetings of IFAD, WMO, which also take part in ICID meetings. ICID contributed to the development of 4th World Water Development Report.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICID has contributed to the realisation of the MDGs through its working groups on the topics of irrigation for poverty alleviation and socioeconomic transformation; the environment; irrigation development and management; climate; water use efficiency; crop-food-water; and energy nexus and capacity development, training and education.

5. World Road Association

Special, 1970

Introduction

The World Road Association (PIARC) was set up in 1909. It has 121 member countries, 527 collective members and more than 1,229 individual members from over 140 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims to develop international cooperation and promote progress in: policymaking for road transport; road design, construction, planning and maintenance; the operation and management of road networks; and the transfer of technology (particularly to developing countries and countries in transition).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association has chaired 18 technical committees of high-level experts. The Association also held the XIII International Winter Road Congress in Quebec, Canada in 2010, and the XXIV World Road Congress in Mexico City, Mexico in 2011. The Association has implemented action programmes for developing countries and economies in transition, including international seminars held in those countries and the management of the HDM-4 software platform used for technical and economic studies of construction and maintenance projects involving road networks. The Association has continued its work on terminology to promote mutual understanding and the transfer of knowledge among various countries. A multilingual technical road dictionary is now available for free online (see the World Road Association website).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information provided.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Some of the Association's activities are carried out in conjunction with United Nations bodies, such as the participation of the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Technical Committee on road safety.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Much of the work of the Association comes under the global issues of the transport sector that contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The same applies to matters such as sustainable development, improving road security, the social equity of transport system development projects and the connectivity and accessibility of rural regions. The aim is to create the conditions necessary for development, participation in the economy and access to education and health care in accordance with MDGs 1, 2, 4 and 7.